

1                   ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE  
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3         The invention includes methods and software tools for  
4         acquiring data from diverse sources, and structuring the data in  
5         a form that may be used to determine object equivalence.  
6         Practice of the invention includes one or more of the following  
7         tools: a data acquisition web agent creator, a web agent created  
8         by the web agent creator, an agent manager for deploying said  
9         web agent, and ontology-directed classifier, an ontology-  
10         directed extractor, and an ontology-directed matcher. The tools  
11         are example driven through a graphical user interface.

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